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Virginia Department of Health Office of Minority Health and Public Health Policy 109 Governor Street, Suite 1016 E. Richmond, Virginia 23219 Thank you for subscribing to "PPOVA Updates," a service that provides updates about opportunities posted on Virginia's FREE healthcare recruitment website, <u>Primary Practice Opportunities of Virginia</u>.

## New Opportunities Posted in February

For a detailed description, please select the position number below.

Position Number	Location	Date Posted
<u>FP1240</u>	Roanoke	2/1/08
DEN20013	Richmond	2/11/08
FP1242	Richmond	2/11/08
FP1241	Lebanon	2/13/08

## Positions Filled in February

Position Number	Location
FP1168	Fredericksburg
FP1219	Big Stone Gap
FP1230	Grundy
FP1233	Roanoke
IM2107	Grundy
OB3038	Kingsport

## **Upcoming Events**

## March 18

The Difference Between Urban and Rural Shortage Issues Webinar

#### March 19

<u>Supporting Rural Family Caregivers</u> Satellite Broadcast

#### March 24-28

24th Annual HPR III Training Institute Roanoke, VA

View more events on our calendar.

## Recruitment and Retention Collaborative Team Updates

## 2008 Rural Health Summit

On March 31 and April 1, the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Minority Health and Public Health Policy and the Virginia Rural Health Association are hosting the 2008 Rural Health Summit in Roanoke, VA. At the meeting, rural partners will:

- Finalize the first year of the State Rural Health Plan
- Prioritize next steps/recommendations for each workgroup
- Determine and prioritize other priority areas for the next several years (i.e., health information technology, mental/behavioral health, EMS, aging/long-term care, transportation, education)
- Develop activities and actions for upcoming rural health grants
- · Plan collaboration on future grants

For additional information about the State Rural Health Plan, please contact Marilyn Jackson <a href="marilyn.jackson@vdh.virginia.gov">marilyn.jackson@vdh.virginia.gov</a>.

## National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Applications Are Now Available

The 2008 NHSC Loan Repayment Program Applications are now available on the NHSC website.

#### Virginia AHEC's Virginia Health Careers Manual

The Virginia AHEC program announces that the new edition of the Virginia Health Careers Manual is available for distribution. You can request copies by contacting <u>your local AHEC</u> or the state program office at VCU.

## Virginia SEARCH Program

The Virginia SEARCH Program reports that the National Health Service Corps has brought their SEARCH program out of abeyance, but only for a three month period while decisions are made regarding reductions throughout the federal government. News on continuation for this calendar year is expected to arrive any day.

For the first three months of the year, SEARCH arranged for and/or supported twenty community based primary care clinical rotations. Rotation sites included Tappahannock, Danville, St. Stephen's Church, Farmville and White Stone. Students included those enrolled in medical school, nurse practitioner and physician assistant programs. You can see these student projects at <a href="www.vasearch.org">www.vasearch.org</a>.



